

Reauthorization Committee of Colorado Council of Deans of Education (CCODE)
November 6, 2008

In attendance:

Carolyn Edwards, Nella Bea Anderson, Jennie Whitcomb, Suzie Perry, Ian K. Macgillivray, Jami Goetz, Jeanette Cornier, Ken Turner, and Shari Francis & Donna Gollnick of NCATE.

Discussion:

- Suzie shared information from Eduventures on Maryland's successful partnership with NCATE.
- Carolyn shared an alignment of NCATE with state standards using the model Nella Bea created showing alignment between TEAC and state standards.
- Shari and Donna talked about the NCATE accreditation process and state partnerships.
- Joint state/NCATE visits can be burdensome because that means 3 reports due at one time. Might not be worth it to conduct joint visits unless standards and sources of evidence can be aligned to reduce the amount of reporting.
- Comment was made that institutions may prefer the state to conduct program reviews, rather than NCATE/SPAs.
- Colorado (DHE) has a partnership agreement with NCATE from 2002 but nothing has been done about it in recent years. DHE is open to considering options that would streamline the state review and national accreditation processes while maintaining the authority of DHE and CCHE to approve teacher preparation programs.

Action Items:

- 1) Ian: invite TEAC to next meeting to discuss possibility of state partnership and talk to the Kansas state NCATE contact about how they adopted NCATE standards but do the reviews themselves.
- 2) Jennie & Carolyn: look at alignment between Colorado and national content standards.
- 3) Ken: Ask Commissioner Jones (CDE) to approve a goal related to this process .

*Subsequently, Commissioner Jones approved the following goal:

"Propose options for the Commissioner's consideration that would streamline the reauthorization process, maintain the integrity and value of the process, and preserve the authority and responsibility of SBE/CDE to decide which higher ed programs should be authorized."

Note: If the proposed options would require changes in rule or law then involve the SBE, as appropriate.

Miscellaneous:

Information on NCATE can be found at www.ncate.org

Information on TEAC can be found at www.teac.org

Next meeting:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 3:00-5:00pm, Colorado Department of Higher Education, Conference Room A.